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(54) Title: USE OF SEX STEROIDS FUNCTION MODULATORS TO TREAT WOUNDS AND FIBROTIC DISORDERS			
(57) Abstract			
<p>The present application relates to the use of compounds that influence the sex hormone system for the treatment of wounds and/or fibrotic disorders. Preferred compounds for use in such treatments are steroid hormones and especially the oestrogens.</p>			

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

it is not clear which compounds are meant by 'a compound that influences the sex hormone system' or 'a modulator of the activity of...gonadotropin'

Remark : Although claims 22 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body , the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

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